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JCS Crew preps for world movie premiere

by Lt. Chito Pepler

"Pearl Harbor" is the largest budgeted movie Walt Disney Studios has ever made and is packed with an accurate portrayal of history, testosterone-charged war scenes, and a romantic love triangle; it is sure to please movie-goers this summer.

And on Monday, 21 May, Disney will premiere this epic, one of the most anticipated movies in recent history, from the deck of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74). The movie opens nationally on Memorial Day.

The Premiere will be a spectacular tribute to the military heroes who gave their all 60 years ago during WW II. The theme of the ceremonies and activities will be to pay homage to WW II veterans, with particular focus on those featured in the movie: Pearl Harbor Survivors, Navy Nurses, and Doolittle Raiders.

The event will begin at 1700 with red carpet arrivals. Between 1700 and 1900 a variety of pre-show activities such as an F-16 flyby and Seal demonstrations will honor the men and women of WW II.

In addition, the 120-piece Hawaiian Symphony Orchestra as well as 20 other musical groups will be on hand to strike an emotional keynote.

Upon conclusion of the movie, the fireworks show will begin, comprised of 25,000 shells shot over Pearl Harbor. This will be choreographed to a medley of American songs and simulcast live on radio across Hawaii,

with prime viewing almost anywhere on the island. The fireworks show will be like a dozen Fourth of Julys.

This will be the largest and most unprecedented Premiere of all time with over 600 media outlets worldwide

attending. Every single U.S. news outlet will be present including representation from every major country in the world. Morning talk shows such as Good Morning America and Regis Philbin will broadcast live starting at 0100, and more than 50 radio stations, representing all 50 states will also broadcast remotes from aboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74). There will be numerous interview opportunities for every Sailor.



During an All Hands Call at the base theater last Wednesday, Disney executives also showed the "Pearl Harbor" trailer which received a lot of wows from the audience. Dick Cook, Chairman of The Walt Disney

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Nelson shores up DC training

By J02 David-Michael Ross

Ask DC2 April Nelson how she feels about her job as a Damage Controlman and her enthusiasm level soars as she talks about her duties.

“Call me corny but I sometimes get a case of the warm and fuzzy’s when I think about my position here,” she said. “The challenge is definitely fulfilling.”

DC2 Nelson stands out in a crowd amongst her DC colleagues as she is the only female presently working in a shop of 56. She also plays a pivotal role on board the JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74) “I’m in charge of coordinating damage control training onboard the ship,” she proudly shared. Since taking responsibility as the DC training petty officer in January 2001 she has trained and personally qualified more than eight hundred JCS sailors. “DC2 is always ready to put her hand out to assist her shipmates.” co-worker FN Nicholas Lewis commented. “She gives you the feeling that she’s not going to go on unless she’s sure you can keep up,” he noted, referring to her instructional abilities.



Nelson helps FN Rodrigo Nunez with his Basic Damage Control qualifications.

Every Wednesday DC2 Nelson can be found at JCS's school of ship indoctrination class informing newly reporting shipmates about what damage control qualifications are expected of them.

"Getting everyone to complete their

qualifications as quickly as possible is highest on my priority list,” she observed while adding, “An integral part of functioning as a part of the ‘Stennis Team’ is to become Basic DC qualified. It’s my job to see that happen.”

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Motion Pictures Group, then explained that, “if you liked the trailer, the movie is 100 times better.” And with stars like Ben Affleck, Cuba Gooding Jr., and Kate Beckinsale, all who will be coming aboard the ship during the week of the premiere, it will be an incredible time for all.

A Disney film crew walked

aboard on Thursday to shoot background video for news crews, digital footage to be used as an intro for the “Pearl Harbor” DVD, and webcam footage for www.PearlHarbor.com.

Friday, Disney Executives Dick Cook, Lylle Breier, Bob Gault, and Rick Buche visited JCS to get a first-hand orientation of shipboard life and carrier operations. They wanted to

see what the hardworking and highly-skilled men and women aboard JCS do on a daily basis, the same dedicated Sailors who will be involved in the Greatest and most incredible Premiere of all time.

“It was an incredible time. The Sailors were very cordial and courteous,” said Mr. Cook. “This will definitely be an incredible premiere.”

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SAILOR OF THE DAY

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April 20, 2001

COMMITMENT



COURAGE

**Name:** QM3 Maria Olivas**Assigned to:** Navigation Department**Hometown:** Mesa, AZ**Reported Aboard:** October 1998**Job Description:** "As the chart custodian, I ensure the required inventory of charts are available and corrected up to date, prepare charts for sea details, and I also open ocean transits."**Favorite Movie:** Dazed and Confused**Places visited while in the Navy:** "Canada, Korea, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Hobart, Perth, Bahrain, Jebel Ali, Hawaii, Australia and my favorite, Mazatlan."**Reason for joining Navy:** "The opportunity to travel."**Most memorable event in career:** "Visiting the 'Tree of life' in Bahrain."**Hobbies:** Running, tennis, rollerblading and rock climbing.

The A Team

After a busy day spent touring JCS, the production team leading the Pearl Harbor Premiere takes time out for a photo with JCS' senior leadership.

(Left to right) CAPT Gallagher, Rick Buche, Lylle Breier, Disney Chairman Dick Cook, Bob Gault, Ken Irvine, COS CAPT Thigpen.



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JCS TELEVISION

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

KJCS - SITE TV CHANNEL 7

- 0000 What's Love Got To Do With It?
- 0200 The Man in the Iron Mask
- 0430 Paulie
- 0600 Evening Reports
- 0610 Tarzan and the Lost City
- 0800 The Boxer
- 1000 Rocky Horror Picture Show
- 1200 Lost In Space
- 1430 My Giant
- 1630 Mr. Nice Guy
- 1800 Evening Reports
- 1810 Primary Colors
- 2030 Bad Moon
- 2200 Mrs. Doubtfire

KMOV - SITE TV CHANNEL 8

- 0000 U.S. Marshalls
- 0230 The Big Lebowski
- 0430 Mad Max
- 0600 Evening Reports
- 0610 Videos
- 0700 City of Angels
- 0900 Little Nicky
- 1030 Black Mask
- 1200 Titanic
- 1530 The Replacement Killers
- 1700 Videos
- 1810 Fallen
- 2030 Navy/Marine Corps News
- 2100 Charlie's Angels
- 2230 Black Mask

Bolts trade top pick for Dwight

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers traded the top pick in the NFL draft to the Atlanta Falcons on Friday after apparently failing to reach a deal with Michael Vick.

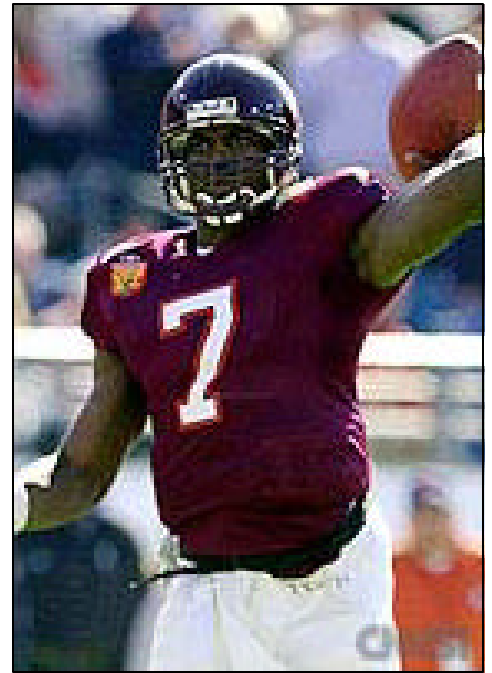
The Falcons got the opening pick in exchange for the fifth overall pick in the first round, their third-round pick, their second-round pick in 2002 and wide receiver Tim Dwight.

"I still have to talk to my agent to find out what really went down, why the Chargers came to the decision. I didn't know Atlanta was making the trade," Vick said. "I didn't know anything that was going on other than the San Diego deal so it's very shocking to me and I'm eager to find out what happened."

Chargers president Dean Spanos has said that if they were unable to agree to a deal with Vick by Saturday, the team would trade the pick or use it on someone else.

The Chargers, who get Atlanta's first pick, fifth overall, hope to use it on TCU running back LaDanian Tomlinson, whom John Butler, the Chargers' general manager, is known to covet and also have two other players in mind, Leonard Davis, the 370-pound offensive tackle from Texas and defensive tackle Gerard Warren of Florida.

Butler considers Tomlinson



Vick will likely be a Falcon after S.D. dealt the top pick to Atlanta on Friday.

similar to Thurman Thomas, who he drafted in 1988 when he was in Buffalo.

The deal proved that the Chargers weren't bluffing when team president Dean Spanos warned Vick and his agents that they better have a deal done by the start of the draft.

"We got this trade opportunity while we were working on the deal and it was too good to pass up," Chargers head coach Mike Riley said, adding that he still likes Vick but was worried about a holdout. "It's going to help our team in so many ways. We know we'll get an impact player with the fifth pick in the draft as well as help from the third-round pick."

The Chargers originally had no third-round pick.

Had the Chargers taken Vick, he would have sat on the bench for a year or two behind Doug Flutie.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say I was disappointed. I really like Coach Riley. I really like Coach Norv Turner. I would have loved being down there. But things do happen," Vick said.

